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Title: CONTROLLED ACOUSTIC WAVEGUIDE FOR SOUND ABSORPTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification, claims and abstract prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification and a marked-up copy thereof is attached herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-13 and add new claims 14-27 as follows:

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14. (New) Controlled acoustic waveguide for use with an elongate hollow chamber (1), connected to at least one sound-transmitting duct (4) via an opening (2) on its first end surface (3) thereof, comprising a microphone (10) for detecting membrane vibrations so as to allow tunability of